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Dear Sir:

This is a second Preliminary Amendment to Application Serial No. 10/679,683 which was previously amended at filing. Please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract: begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims: are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: none.

Remarks/Arguments: begin on page 7 of this paper.

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